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RECIPIENT: Acting Executive
General Counsel
Assistant Director, CIA

SUBJECT: State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950 on Production
of National Intelligence

REFERENCE: (a) Mr. Webb's letter of 7 July transmitting Staff
Study on the above subject
(b) COMINT Preliminary Comments of 13 July on the
above subject

1. In view of COMINT Study of State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950 on Production of National Intelligence and on Continuous Surveillance of Comint Intelligence, we think that in view of the Director's reply to Mr. Webb (with an information copy to the Executive Secretary of the NSC, and maybe to others also) should be relatively brief, pointing up only the high spots and major changes proposed in the Staff Study.

2. For possible future use with the NSC (if, as or when necessary), let there be a detailed CIA point-by-point rebuttal; but we think no such details should now be given out to State and Defense.

3. If State and Defense do present this paper to the NSC after receiving the Director's reply, other members of the NSC at any rate will ask the DCI for his views. Then, to supplement the attached reply to Mr. Webb, the detailed CIA position can be presented to the NSC.

4. Accordingly, we propose for our discussions later ~~this~~
week the enclosed draft. The next after, let there be discussions on the same detailed CIA position which should be in the file ready for future contingencies.

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Draft of reply to Mr. Webb